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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA: POSSIBLE MEETING WITH  
MACHEL AND KHAMA

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1. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT IF KAUNDA INVITES KHAMA TO MEET WITH SECRETARY IN LUSAKA, THAT WE URGE KAUNDA EXTEND SIMILAR INVITATION TO MACHEL AS WELL. OTHERWISE, MACHEL WILL BE THE ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR FRONT-LINE AFRICAN LEADERS WITH WHOM THE SECRETARY WILL NOT BE MEETING. THIS WILL NOT BE LOST ON MACHEL. ALTHOUGH NYERERE AND KAUNDA NO DOUBT WILL TELL HIM THAT SECRETARY EXPLORED POSSIBILITY OF MEETING THE FOUR LEADERS IN DAR-ES-SALAAM AND WITH THE THREE (LESS NYERERE) IN LUSAKA, HE MAY WONDER WHY WE DID NOT EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF A SEPARATE MEETING FOR HIM WITH THE SECRETARY, AS WAS ARRANGED FOR KHAMA.

2. AT RISK OF APPEARING TO BE PAROCHIAL, IT IS EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT THAT  
AT LEAST IN SHORT TERM MACHEL HOLDS THE KZY TO THE DIRECTION AND PACE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. AS RESULT OF MOZAMBIQUE'S LOCATION (BORDERING ON BOTH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA), ITS RECENT INDEPENDENCE, ITS ACTION IN CLOSING ITS BORDER WITH RHODESIA AND FACT IT IS HERE THAT THE ZIMBABWEANS ARE BEING TRAINED

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AND FROM WHERE THEY ARE BEING LAUNCHED INTO RHODESIA, IT IS MACHEL,

FOR THE MOMENT AT ANY RATE, WHO IS IN THE SPOTLIGHT.  
IT IS HE, MORE SO THAN NYERERE, WHO  
SEEMS TO BE THE "DARLING" OF THE COMMUNISTS AND  
THIRD WORLD RADICALS. IF CUBAN COMBAT FORCES ARE EMPLOYED IN  
RHODESIA, MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THEY WILL ASSEMBLE EHERE AND USE  
MOZAMBIQUE AS THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS. MACHEL WOULD PROBABLY  
PREFER THAT MAJORITY RULE COME TO RHODESIA WITHOUT INTERVENTION OF  
OTHER OUTSIDE FORCES, INCLUDING CUBANS, WE BELIEVE HE MAY HAVE FEWER  
RESERVATIONS ABOUT THEIR INTERVENTION THAN NYERERE. WHILE EMBASSY  
DOES NOT PRETEND TO KNOW THE MAN, AND OUR INFORMATION ON WHAT IS  
HAPPENING IN MOZAMBIQUE IS SPARSE, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT MACHEL IS

DRIVEN MORE BY IDEOLOGY AND A PASSION TO SEE AFRICA LIBERATED AND  
"REVOLUTIONIZED" THAN HE IS BY PRAGMATICISM.

3. BECAUSE OF MACHEL'S IMPORTANCE, WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR  
THE SECRETARY TO MEET WITH HIM, AS WELL AS FOR MACHEL TO BE EXPOSED  
TO THE SECRETARY. CERTAINLY IF KAUNDA IS TO BE ASKED TO INVITE  
KHAMA TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY IN LUSAKA, WE THINK KAUNDA  
SHOULD BE ASKED TO EXTEND A SIMILAR INVITATION TO MACHEL.  
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